

CITY OF CALEDONIA NEWSLETTER

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ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

At its July 25, 2011 meeting, the Caledonia City Council voted to increase its electric utility fees, effective October 1, 2011, based upon the findings of an electric rate study performed by PowerPlus Engineering. The decision to increase electric utility fees was made so as to ensure that each rate class carries enough weight for its respective use and is not subsidizing another rate class.

In addition, the City must make sure that its revenue requirements provide sufficient revenues to cover operating expenses and current and ongoing infrastructure improvements. The City is currently undertaking a four year project (2011-2014) to accomplish the following: improve voltage, permit better load balance, improve system reliability, improve system capability, provide service to new loads, and reduce energy losses. The total estimated cost for the aforementioned improvements is approximately \$1.7 million.

How much are electric rates going up?

Comparison of Existing to Proposed Rates—Monthly Base and Energy Charge

Rate	Base 1	Base 2	Energy 1	Energy 2
Residential	\$9.35	\$10.00	\$0.1050	\$0.1070
Dual Fuel	\$2.35	\$3.00	\$0.0580	\$0.0590
Commercial Single Phase	\$16.40	\$16.40	\$0.1030	\$0.1030
Commercial Three Phase	\$21.05	\$21.05	\$0.1030	\$0.1030
Large Power	\$46.80	\$50.00	\$0.0580	\$0.0580
High School*	\$202.50	\$50.00	\$0.0580	\$0.0580
Sno Pac	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$0.0580	\$0.0600
Street Lighting	\$1.60	\$1.80	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Residential				
Street Lighting	\$3.20	\$3.60	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Commercial				

*The monthly base charge was higher than the large power rate to recover the costs for the primary cable and enclosures required for the electrical service. The service was installed in 2002 and a review of the initial costs for the electrical service and the additional monthly charge shows the costs to install the electrical service will have been recovered by October 1, 2011.

CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmembers

Randi Vick

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City Hall Hours

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.,
Monday-Friday

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Library Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 1:00
p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday

Noon-6:30 p.m.

First Saturday of the Month

10:00 a.m.— Noon

Due to the cost associated with printing, City newsletters will continue to be made available monthly at City Hall or on the City's website:
www.caledoniamn.gov.

Upcoming Community Pool Steering Committee Meeting

The public is invited to attend an upcoming Community Pool Steering Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the American Legion Park Shelter that is located adjacent to the swimming pool. The purpose of the meeting is to review the final design and budget estimate from USAquatics as well as meet with a fundraising consulting group regarding ways in which a consulting group can assist the pool project with fundraising.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Please be reminded that as per Caledonia Ordinance, Chapter 92, animals are prohibited from running at large. The City has received a number of complaints this summer involving dogs running at large, which has resulted in safety concerns for pedestrians and small children playing outside.

In an effort to be courteous to your fellow community members, please be sure to securely fasten your dog when left outside, and never allow your dog to run loose. Dog owners are liable for the actions of their respective dog(s).

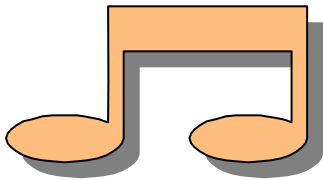
If you are unfamiliar with the City's regulations regarding animals, please pick up a copy of Caledonia Ordinance, Chapter 92 at City Hall.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City of Caledonia would like to recognize the following businesses and individuals for supporting the 2011 Music in the Park:

Caledonia Lions, Arlin Falck Foundation, Quillin's, Vick's Refrigeration, Bank of the West, Merchants Bank, American Dairy Association, Caledonia Argus, Elsie's Bar and Grill, Caledonia Dolphins, Caledonia Chamber of Commerce, City of Caledonia, Caleb Ranzenberger, Tyson Vick, Trever Vick, Joyce Schroeder, and the many free will donation contributors.



A special THANK YOU to Randi Vick for organizing another successful Music in the Park!

SUMMER PARK AND REC DONORS

THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals for financially supporting the 2011 Summer Park and Rec Program: Patrick Becker Agency, Jed Hammel, Danielson Insurance Agency, Caledonia Bakery, New Albin Savings Bank, American Legion Post 191, Caledonia Haulers, Miken Sports, Eitzen State Bank, Helen's Beauty Salon, Hoskins Electric, Wiebke Fur, Ace Communications, Bank of the West, Quillin's, State Farm Insurance—Tim Buswell, Caledonia Implement, Green Power Equipment, Vernon and Mary Ellen Marnarch Family, and APN.

Upcoming Special City Council Meeting

There will be a Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2012 budget.

**The City of Caledonia Wishes
Everyone a Safe and Happy Labor
Day Weekend!**